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Majority prices were generally unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was mixed, but overall no better than steady. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate, but often good into fast food. However, movement was sluggish in areas where extreme heat and humidity were an issue. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair to moderate. Dark meat cuts and wings were adequate to well cleared, instances tight, but breast items were at least adequate with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were irregular, but mostly desirable.

Final Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook ice-packed broiler/fryers (includes branded product) to be delivered to first receivers at major market centers week of 31-JUL-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A		COMPOSITE			
AREAS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Boston/New England	TFEWR		:	62.12	43
Chicago	60.00-63.00	61.82	34 :	62.09	62
Ohio Cities	TFEWR		:	61.08	19
Denver	76.50	76.25	13 :	76.87	15
Detroit	62.00-69.00	64.00	11 :	65.81	39
Los Angeles	77.00	75.60	68 :	72.37	131
New York	63.00-66.00	64.71	24 :	65.74	42
Philadelphia	62.50-64.00	63.33	12 :	63.13	27
Pittsburgh	62.00-65.00	64.27	11 :	67.58	58
St. Louis	61.50-61.75	61.13	20 :	62.57	36
San Francisco	77.50	77.06	35 :	78.25	67

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	07/31/06	Change Last Wk	07/24/06	08/01/05
539	67.40	-.53	67.93	71.45

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	Majority	Wtd Avg	Loads
Eastern	66.00-67.50	66.49	36
Central	58.00-68.00	63.40	58
Western	60.00-68.00	66.52	38
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent			
Mississippi	68.00-70.00	69.51	93

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,132	60.00-72.00	69.29
The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:		
	WTD AVG	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	156.50	1,431
BREASTS - B/S	142.50	5,933
BREASTS - WHOLE	75.00	1,495
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.00	1,158
LEG QUARTERS	39.00	9,286
WINGS	84.00	2,873

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best and generally unaggressive entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were more than sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least adequate; leg cuts were in good balance and wings were clearing satisfactorily.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand into all channels following the weekend was moderate at best with light trading. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was light to moderate. Dark meat was adequate to well cleared and moving satisfactorily. Wings were mixed, but available, and breast items were at least adequate with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate to light with extreme heat increasing mortality rates in some areas. Weights were desirable to light.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Trade sentiment was about steady. Trading reported for this weeks' delivery on regular commitments at mainly unchanged prices; however, new negotiations were at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were fully adequate overall. Buying activity was moderate to good, best in areas of the region where features planned. Retailer demand was fairly good overall. Dealers reported generally desirable weekend clearances. The market tone was about steady on parts, with dark meat items in the strongest position. Reported trading on parts was leg quarters 40-44.5, bone-on breast 73-98 and boneless breasts 119-122. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was down 62.44, down 2.56; and the volume reported at 27 loads was up 4 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Detroit and Chicago final majority delivered prices were unchanged, St. Louis slightly higher from last Monday's final and Ohio cities were TFEWR. Whole fryer market tone was steady to barely steady. Offerings were moderate. Retail and food service demand was slow to moderate for the most part; first of month business slower than anticipated due to extreme heat and high humidity in all areas. Floor stocks adequate to long; sizes desirable. Offerings of parts were adequate; wings and dark cuts occasionally tight. The parts trade sentiment was generally steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive. Seller offerings were fully sufficient in handling current buyer interest. Live supplies were moderate; weights were trending lighter and remained in a range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 64 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was barely steady to steady. In the parts complex, offerings were fully sufficient. Boneless/skinless breasts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were generally noted as in adequate to close balance.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	63-78
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was noted as mostly fair as dealers closely monitor market conditions due to excessive heat in parts of the Northeast. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for current trade needs. Leg cuts were clearing satisfactorily and wings were adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was steady for wings and most dark meat cuts; steady to barely steady for breast items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	130	121.13	446,900
TENDERLOINS	120-125	121.45	81,720
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	86.12	34,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	76.28	84,600
LEGS	48-49	49.78	77,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.05	244,600
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	46.90	58,390
THIGHS	28-29	40.30	45,040
B/S THIGHS	83-84	86.60	84,360
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	94.31	162,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.09	15,240
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.40	10,880
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.92	20,880

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,365	105.00-198.00	110-119	117.42
TENDERLOINS	402	123.00-193.00	123-128	129.69
BREAST - WITH RIBS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,220	35.00-37.00	36-37	36.33
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,063	36.00-41.00	38-39	38.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	702	72.00-82.00	76	76.59
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,212	22.00-28.00	24	23.82

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/31	07/27	07/27	07/24	07/20
Alabama	4,134	4,146	5.21	4,002	5.21
Arkansas	5,398	5,190	5.12	5,189	5.00
Delmarva	2,225	2,186	5.52	2,254	5.59
KY-LA-TN	2,098	2,113	4.99	2,064	4.95
Mississippi	2,792	2,823	5.69	2,871	5.65
North Carolina	2,235	2,215	6.82	2,542	6.63
Texas	2,500	2,494	5.28	2,443	5.11
Total	21,382	21,167	5.44	21,365	5.40
Mon	21,382(A)			21,365(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 31-Jul 2005 is estimated to be 31,990,000 down 0.22 percent from a week ago. and down 3.2 percent from a year ago.
(last week 32,060,000 last year 33,056,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	785	110.00-175.00	-	120.59
TENDERLOINS	178	115.00-178.00	-	120.75
BREAST - LINE RUN	116	70.00-76.00	72-74	73.36
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	188	44.00-58.00	-	45.02
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	585	34.00-38.00	36	35.95
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	970	35.00-41.00	37-38	37.38
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	80.00-86.00	83-85	83.83
WINGS (CUT)	335	98.00-106.00	100-102	102.36
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	82	79.00-91.00	-	81.00

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JUL 31, 2006 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 - 52.00	50.11	50.18

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER PARTS ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 31-JUL-TO 04-AUG-2006

	Price (Cents) Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	109.00 - 132.00	111.00 - 121.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	72.00 - 99.00	75.00 - 79.00
LEGS	45.00 - 53.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	32.00 - 41.00	38.00 - 39.00
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	36.00 - 44.00	40.00 - 42.00
DRUMSTICKS	36.00 - 47.00	-
THIGHS	28.00 - 40.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	79.00 - 100.00	89.00 - 90.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 25.00	-
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30.00 - 38.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 52.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	82.5-100.5
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	86-103

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP

FROZEN DUCKS

FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 89-103
	DRY PACK 108-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 100
	DRY PACK 111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 88-102
	DRY PACK 102-109
DUCKS	185-190

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

JULY 28, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	16.50	15.00-17.00	546,000	266,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.50	16.14		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-20.00	13.00-16.00	1,664,000	1,144,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.68	14.85		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	14.00	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		14.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

JULY 28, 2006				
CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —				
(Cents per Pound)				
FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-19.00	16.00	182,000	-
WTD AVERAGE	16.00	16.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	13.00-20.00	12.00-16.25	1,338,800	447,600
WTD AVERAGE	16.90	14.18		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to no better than fair and generally unaggressive for the mostly fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JUL-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-9		5.87
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were lower on prices of spent heavy hens. Demand was light. Offerings were fully adequate. Schedules were reduced. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 31-JUL-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-9	5-6	5.47

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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